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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Representative Poe in the chair.
 Prayer by Clerk of the House Mark Mahoney.
 Minutes Clerk Amber L. Evans led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Beaubien replaced Representative Black in the Committee on Rules for today only.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

November 1, 2005

Mark Mahoney
 Chief Clerk of the House
 402 State House
 Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to January 11, 2006 for the following House Bill and Senate Bills:

House Bill: 2151.

Senate Bills: 49, 158, 1693 and 2111.

If you have questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
 s/Michael J. Madigan
 Speaker of the House

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on November 1, 2005, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading--
 Short Debate: SENATE BILL 1693.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Third Reading--
 Short Debate: SENATE BILL 49.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Non-Concurrence: SENATE BILL 158.

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
 Motion to Recede in Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL 158.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
 5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie, Barbara(D), Chairperson

Y Black, William(R), Rep. Spokes. (Beaubien)

Y Hannig,Gary(D)
Y Turner,Arthur(D)

Y Hassert,Brent(R)

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Elementary & Secondary Education: SENATE BILL 852.

Judiciary II - Criminal Law: SENATE BILL 2111.

VETO MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Saviano submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that the House concur with the Senate in the passage of SENATE BILL 2087, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Eileen Lyons submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that the House concur with the Senate in the passage of SENATE BILL 272, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Biggins submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that the House concur with the Senate in the passage of SENATE BILL 1294, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by

Ms. Hawker, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of John H. Johnson of Chicago on Monday, August 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was the founder of Ebony magazine, which was the cornerstone of Johnson Publishing Co., a privately held publishing, cosmetics, television production, and fashion firm based in Chicago; it became one of the nation's largest black-owned businesses, and the owner came to be considered one of the nation's most influential and honored African-American businessmen; for 60 straight years, Ebony has been the biggest African-American owned magazine in the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson lived a life that was more inspirational than any of the cover stories in Ebony

or Jet, his other major magazine; a modest beginning proved to be no obstacle, and his life was filled with achievements and honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996; he was the first publisher to persuade the business community of the vast purchasing power of the African-American market; he was named by Forbes magazine as one of the 400 richest people in America; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Arkansas City, Arkansas, on January 19, 1918, to Gertrude and Leroy Johnson; he moved to Chicago with his widowed mother in 1933 and was reared by his mother and stepfather, James Williams; he attended Wendell Phillips High School and DuSable High School, graduating in 1936; he was editor of the DuSable newspaper and the yearbook and was class president; he went on to work part-time as an office worker at the black-owned Supreme Life Insurance Co.; at Supreme Life, he culled newspapers and magazines to prepare a digest of events in the black community for Harry Pace, Supreme Life's president; by 1942, he had the idea of condensing such articles into a monthly magazine, a black version of Reader's Digest to be called Negro Digest (and later Black World before it was discontinued in 1976); and

WHEREAS, With a loan of \$500, using his mother's furniture as collateral, Mr. Johnson mailed a charter subscription offer for the magazine to Supreme Life customers; with 3,000 people responding and each sending \$2, he had funds for the first issue of Negro Digest, which he published with the aid of his wife, Eunice, whom he had married in 1941; within a year, Negro Digest was selling 50,000 copies a month; and

WHEREAS, His breakthrough came in November of 1945, with the first issue of Ebony, a slick-paper magazine modeled after Life magazine; paid circulation of Ebony was about 1.7 million in 2004, and his publishing activities expanded to include Jet, with circulation now at 927,402, and Ebony Jr., as well as to include books; and

WHEREAS, Four years after it was founded, Jet caused a sensation when in September 1955 it published an open-coffin picture of Emmett Till; the boy's death and the picture of his mutilated face galvanized the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, In 1973 he established Fashion Fair Cosmetics, a line of beauty aids and a sponsor of a large touring fashion show; he formerly owned three radio stations, and he was the first African-American businessman to have his own building on Michigan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served on numerous advisory commissions on the local, State and federal levels; he served on the boards of some major corporations and educational, cultural, and philanthropic organizations; he attended the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, and was later awarded 31 honorary doctoral degrees and many honors for his business and humanitarian activities; he gave generously to many causes, including \$4 million to Howard University in Washington, which named its communications school after him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson, who retained the titles of chairman and publisher until his death, made Johnson Publishing a family business; his mother, Gertrude, was a vice president of the firm until her death in 1977, his wife is secretary-treasurer, and his daughter, Linda, held several positions before she became CEO; and

WHEREAS, The passing of John H. Johnson has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Eunice; his daughter, Linda Johnson Rice; and his granddaughter, Alexa; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the passing of John H. Johnson, a man who truly rose from a life of poverty to live the American dream and became an African-American business icon, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our deepest sympathy and sorrow for this great loss.

Adopted by the Senate, October 27, 2005.

Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate

The foregoing message from the Senate reporting their adoption of SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51 was placed in the Committee on Rules.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

Offered by Representative Currie:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, November 02, 2005 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of joining with the Governor Rod Blagojevich to honor the Chicago White Sox on becoming the 2005 World Series Champions of Major League Baseball.

At the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m., Representative Poe moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.